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13439124 PMID: 11673436

Campylobacter fetus uses multiple loci for DNA inversion within the 5' conserved regions of sap homologs.

Tu Z C; Ray K C; Thompson S A; Blaser M J

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Journal of bacteriology (United States) Nov 2001, 183 (22) p6654-61, ISSN 0021-9193--Print Journal Code: 2985120R

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Languages: ENGLISH

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Campylobacter fetus cells possess multiple promoterless sap homologs, each capable of expressing a surface layer protein (SLP) by utilizing a unique promoter present on a 6.2-kb invertible element. Each sap homolog includes a 626-bp 5' conserved region (FCR) with 74 bp upstream and 552 bp within the open reading frame. After DNA inversion, the splice is seamless because the FCRs are identical. In mutant strain 23D:ACA2K101, in which sapA and sapA2 flanking the invertible element in opposite orientations were disrupted by promoterless chloramphenicol resistance (Cm(r)) and kanamycin resistance (Km(r)) cassettes, respectively, the frequency of DNA inversion is 100-fold lower than that of wild-type strain 23D. To define the roles of a 15-bp inverted repeat (IR) and a Chi-like site (CLS) in the FCR, we mutagenized each upstream of sapA2 in 23D:ACA2K101 by introducing NotI and KpnI sites to create strains 23D:ACA2K101N and 23D:ACA2K101K, respectively. Alternatively selecting colonies for Cm(r) or Km(r) showed that mutagenizing the IR or CLS had no apparent effect on the frequency of the DNA inversion. However, mapping the unique NotI or KpnI site in relation to the Cm(r) or Km(r) cassette in the cells that changed phenotype showed that splices occurred both upstream and downstream of the mutated sites. PCR and sequence analyses also showed that the splice could occur in the 425-bp portion of the FCR downstream of the cassettes. In total, these data indicate that C. fetus can use multiple sites within the FCR for its sap-related DNA inversion.

Descriptors: *Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins--genetics--GE; *Bacterial Proteins; *Campylobacter fetus--genetics--GE; *Inversion, Chromosome; *Membrane Glycoproteins; 5' Untranslated Regions--genetics--GE; DNA, Bacterial--genetics--GE; Mutagenesis, Insertional; Mutation; Promoter Regions (Genetics); Recombination, Genetic

CAS Registry Number: 0 (5' Untranslated Regions); 0 (Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins); 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (Membrane Glycoproteins); 0 (surface array protein, bacteria)

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13144482 PMID: 11254579

Evidence that the Campylobacter fetus sap locus is an ancient genomic constituent with origins before mammals and reptiles diverged.

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Infection and immunity (United States) Apr 2001, 69 (4) p2237-44,

ISSN 0019-9567--Print Journal Code: 0246127

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Campylobacter fetus bacteria, isolated from both mammals and reptiles, may be either subsp. fetus or subsp. venerealis and either serotype A or serotype B. ***Surface*** layer proteins, expressed and secreted by genes in the sap locus, play an important role in C. fetus virulence. To assess whether the sap locus represents a pathogenicity island and to gain further insights into C. fetus evolution, we examined several C. fetus genes in 18 isolates. All of the isolates had 5 to 9 sapA or sapB homologs. One strain (85-387) possessed both sapA and sapB homologs, suggesting a recombinational event in the sap locus between sapA and sapB strains. When we amplified and analyzed nucleotide sequences from portions of housekeeping gene recA (501 bp) and sapD (450 bp), a part of the 6-kb sap invertible element, the phylogenies of the genes were highly parallel. Among the 15 isolates from mammals, serotype A and serotype B strains generally had consistent positions. The fact that the serotype A C. fetus subsp. fetus and subsp. venerealis strains were on the same branch suggests that their differentiation occurred after the type A-type B split. Isolates from mammals and reptiles formed two distinct tight phylogenetic clusters that were well separated. Sequence analysis of 16S rRNA showed that the reptile strains form a distinct phylotype between mammalian C. fetus and ***Campylobacter*** hyointestinalis. The phylogenies and sequence results showing that sapD and recA have similar G + C contents and substitution rates suggest that the sap locus is not a pathogenicity island but rather is an ancient constituent of the C. fetus genome, integral to its biology.

Descriptors: *Campylobacter fetus--genetics--GE; *Chromosome Mapping; *Evolution; *Genome, Bacterial; Amino Acid Sequence; Bacterial Typing Techniques; Base Sequence; Campylobacter fetus--classification --CL; Molecular Sequence Data; Phylogeny; RNA, Ribosomal, 16S--genetics--GE; Variation (Genetics)

CAS Registry Number: 0 (RNA, Ribosomal, 16S)

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Detection and characterization of autoagglutination activity by ***Campylobacter*** jejuni.

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Infection and immunity (UNITED STATES) Nov 2000, 68 (11) p6168-75, ISSN 0019-9567--Print Journal Code: 0246127

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Languages: ENGLISH

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In several gram-negative bacterial pathogens, autoagglutination (AAG) activity is a marker for interaction with host cells and virulence.

Campylobacter jejuni strains also show AAG, but this property varies considerably among strains. To examine the characteristics of C. jejuni AAG, we developed a quantitative in vitro assay. For strain 81-176, which shows high AAG, activity was optimal for cells grown for < or = 24 h, was independent of growth temperature, and was best measured for cells suspended in phosphate-buffered saline at 25 degrees C for 24 h. AAG activity was heat labile and was abolished by pronase or acid-glycine (pH 2.2) treatment but not by lipase, DNase, or sodium metaperiodate. Strain 4182 has low AAG activity, but extraction with water increased AAG, suggesting the loss of an inhibitor. Strain 6960 has weak AAG with no effect due to water extraction. Our study with clinical isolates suggests that C. jejuni strains may be grouped into three AAG phenotypes. A variant derived from strain 81116 that is flagellate but immotile showed the strong AAG exhibited by the parent strain, suggesting that motility per se is not necessary for the AAG activity. AAG correlated with both bacterial hydrophobicity and adherence to INT407 cells. Mutants which lack flagella (flaA, flaB, and flbA) or common cell surface antigen (peb1A) were constructed in strain 81-176 by natural transformation-mediated allelic exchange. Both AAG activity and bacterial hydrophobicity were abolished in the aflagellate mutants but not the peb1A mutant. In total, these findings indicate that C. jejuni AAG is highly associated with flagellar expression.

Descriptors: *Agglutination; *Campylobacter jejuni--pathogenicity
--PY; Bacterial Adhesion; Cell Line; Flagella--physiology--PH; Humans

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12869236 PMID: 10992468

Campylobacter fetus sap inversion occurs in the absence of RecA function.

Ray K C; Tu Z C; Grogono-Thomas R; Newell D G; Thompson S A; Blaser M J

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Infection and immunity (UNITED STATES) Oct 2000, 68 (10) p5663-7,

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Phase variation of Campylobacter fetus surface layer proteins (SLPs) occurs by inversion of a 6.2-kb DNA segment containing the unique sap promoter, permitting expression of a single SLP-encoding gene. Previous work has shown that the C. fetus sap inversion system is RecA dependent. When we challenged a pregnant ewe with a recA mutant of wild-type C. fetus (strain 97-211) that expressed the 97-kDa SLP, 15 of the 16 ovine-passaged isolates expressed the 97-kDa protein. However, one strain (97-209) expressed a 127-kDa SLP, suggesting that chromosomal rearrangement may have occurred to enable SLP switching. Lack of RecA function in strains 97-211 and 97-209 was confirmed by their sensitivity to the DNA-damaging agent methyl methanesulfonate. Southern hybridization and PCR of these strains indicated that the apha insertion into recA was stably present. However, Southern hybridizations demonstrated that in strain 97-209 inversion had occurred in the sap locus. PCR data confirmed inversion of the 6.2-kb DNA element and indicated that in these recA mutants the sap inversion

frequency is reduced by 2 to 3 log(10) units compared to that in the wild type. Thus, although the major sap inversion pathway in *C. fetus* is RecA dependent, alternative lower-frequency, RecA-independent inversion mechanisms exist.

Tags: Female

Descriptors: *Bacterial Proteins--genetics--GE; *Bacterial Proteins--metabolism--ME; *Campylobacter fetus--genetics--GE; *DNA, Bacterial--genetics--GE; *Membrane Glycoproteins; *Rec A Recombinases--metabolism--ME; *Recombination, Genetic; Animals; Blotting, Southern; Campylobacter fetus--drug effects--DE; Campylobacter fetus--metabolism--ME; Inversion, Chromosome; Methyl Methanesulfonate--pharmacology--PD; Mutagens--pharmacology--PD; Polymerase Chain Reaction; Pregnancy; Rec A Recombinases--genetics--GE; Sheep

CAS Registry Number: 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (Membrane Glycoproteins); 0 (Mutagens); 0 (surface array protein, bacteria); 66-27-3 (Methyl Methanesulfonate)

Enzyme Number: EC 2.7.7.- (Rec A Recombinases)

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12619766 PMID: 10678989

Roles of the surface layer proteins of *Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *fetus* in ovine abortion.

Grogono-Thomas R; Dworkin J; Blaser M J; Newell D G

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Infection and immunity (UNITED STATES) Mar 2000, 68 (3) p1687-91, ISSN 0019-9567--Print Journal Code: 0246127

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Main Citation Owner: NLM

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The role of the surface (S)-layer proteins of *Campylobacter fetus* subsp. *fetus* has been investigated using an ovine model of abortion. Wild-type strain 23D induced abortion in up to 90% of pregnant ewes challenged subcutaneously. Isolates recovered from both dams and fetuses expressed S-layer proteins with variable molecular masses. The spontaneous S-layer-negative variant, strain 23B, neither colonized nor caused abortions in pregnant ewes. A series of isogenic *sapA* and *recA* mutants, derived from 23D, also were investigated in this model. A mutant (501 [*sapA* *recA*(+)] caused abortion in one of five challenged animals and was recovered from the placenta of a second animal. Another mutant (502 [*sapA* *recA*]) with no S-layer protein expression caused no colonization or abortions in challenged animals but caused abortion when administered intraplacentally. Mutants 600(2) and 600(4), both *recA*, had fixed expression of 97- and 127-kDa S-layer proteins, respectively. Two of the six animals challenged with mutant 600(4) were colonized, but there were no abortions. As expected, all five strains recovered expressed a 127-kDa S-layer protein. In contrast, mutant 600(2) was recovered from the placentas of all five challenged animals and caused abortion in two. Unexpectedly, one of the 16 isolates expressed a 127-kDa rather than a 97-kDa S-layer protein. Thus, these studies indicate that S-layer proteins appear essential for colonization and/or translocation to the placenta but are not required to mediate fetal injury and that S-layer variation may occur in a *recA* strain.

Tags: Female

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Recombinases--analysis--AN; Sheep

*** CAS Registry Number: 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (Membrane
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0 (surface array protein, bacteria)

*** Enzyme Number: EC 2.7.7.- (Rec A Recombinases)***

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Campylobacter fetus surface layer proteins are transported by
a type I secretion system.

Thompson S A; Shedd O L; Ray K C; Beins M H; Jorgensen J P; Blaser M

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Main Citation Owner: NLM

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The virulence of Campylobacter fetus, a bacterial pathogen of
ungulates and humans, is mediated in part by the presence of a
paracrystalline surface layer (S-layer) that confers serum
resistance. The subunits of the S-layer are S-layer proteins (SLPs) that
are secreted in the absence of an N-terminal signal sequence and attach to
either type A or B C. fetus lipopolysaccharide in a serospecific manner.
Antigenic variation of multiple SLPs (encoded by sapA homologs) of type A
strain 23D occurs by inversion of a promoter-containing DNA element flanked
by two sapA homologs. Cloning and sequencing of the entire 6.2-kb
invertible region from C. fetus 23D revealed a probable 5.6-kb operon of
four overlapping genes (sapCDEF, with sizes of 1,035, 1,752, 1,284, and
1,302 bp, respectively) transcribed in the opposite direction from sapA.
The four genes also were present in the invertible region of type B strain
84-107 and were virtually identical to their counterparts in the type A
strain. Although SapC had no database homologies, SapD, SapE, and SapF had
predicted amino acid homologies with type I protein secretion systems
(typified by Escherichia coli HlyBD/TolC or Erwinia chrysanthemi PrtDEF)
that utilize C-terminal secretion signals to mediate the secretion of
hemolysins, leukotoxins, or proteases from other bacterial species.
Analysis of the C termini of four C. fetus SLPs revealed conserved
structures that are potential secretion signals. A C. fetus sapD mutant
neither produced nor secreted SLPs. E. coli expressing C. fetus sapA and
sapCDEF secreted SapA, indicating that the sapCDEF genes are sufficient for
SLP secretion. C. fetus SLPs therefore are transported to the cell

surface by a type I secretion system.

Descriptors: *Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins--metabolism--ME;
*Bacterial Proteins; *Campylobacter fetus--metabolism--ME; *Membrane
Glycoproteins; Amino Acid Sequence; Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins
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Base Sequence; Biological Transport; Campylobacter fetus--genetics
--GE; Cloning, Molecular; Conserved Sequence; DNA, Bacterial; Escherichia
coli--metabolism--ME; Gene Expression; Molecular Sequence Data; Multigene
Family; Mutagenesis

Molecular Sequence Databank Number: GENBANK/AF027405; GENBANK/AF071883

CAS Registry Number: 0 (Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins); 0 (Bacterial
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Molecular mechanisms of Campylobacter fetus surface layer
protein expression.

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Department of Medicine, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine,
Nashville, TN 37232, USA.

Molecular microbiology (ENGLAND) Nov 1997, 26 (3) p433-40, ISSN
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Cells of the Gram-negative bacteria Campylobacter fetus are covered
by monomolecular arrays of surface layer proteins (SLPs) critical for
both persistence in their natural hosts and for virulence. For C. fetus
cells, expression of SLPs essentially eliminates C3b binding and their
antigenic variation thwarts host immunological defences. Each cell
possesses multiple partially homologous and highly conserved SLP gene
cassettes, tightly clustered in the genome, that encode SLPs of 97-149 kDa.
These attach non-covalently via a conserved N-terminus to the cell wall
lipopolysaccharide. Recent studies indicate that C. fetus reassorts a
single promoter, controlling SLP expression, and one, or more, complete
open reading frame strictly by DNA inversion, and that rearrangement is
independent of the distance between sites of inversion. In contrast to
previously reported programmed DNA inversion systems, inversion in C. fetus
is recA-dependent. These rearrangements permit variation in protein
expression from the family of SLP genes and suggest an expanding paradigm
of programmed DNA rearrangements among microorganisms. (52 Refs.)

Descriptors: *Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins--genetics--GE; *Bacterial
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*Membrane Glycoproteins; Animals; Antigenic Variation; Bacterial Outer
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Nested DNA inversion of *Campylobacter fetus* S-layer genes is *recA* dependent.

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Wild-type strains of *Campylobacter fetus* are covered by a monomolecular array of surface layer proteins (SLPs) critical for virulence. Each cell possesses eight SLP gene cassettes, tightly clustered in the genome, that encode SLPs of 97 to 149 kDa. Variation of SLP expression occurs by a mechanism of nested DNA rearrangement that involves the inversion of a 6.2-kb *sapA* promoter-containing element alone or together with one or more flanking SLP gene cassettes. The presence of extensive regions of identity flanking the 5' and 3' ends of each SLP gene cassette and of a Chi-like recognition sequence within the 5' region of identity suggests that rearrangement of SLP gene cassettes may occur by a generalized (*RecA*-dependent) homologous recombination pathway. To explore this possibility, we cloned *C. fetus recA* and created mutant strains by marker rescue, in which *recA* is disrupted in either S+ or S- strains. These mutants then were assessed for their abilities to alter SLP expression either in the presence or absence of a complementary shuttle plasmid harboring native *recA*. In contrast to all previously reported programmed DNA inversion systems, inversion in *C. fetus* is *recA* dependent.

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Molecular Sequence Databank Number: GENBANK/AF020677

CAS Registry Number: 0 (Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins); 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (Membrane Glycoproteins); 0 (Mutagens); 0 (surface array protein, bacteria); 66-27-3 (Methyl Methanesulfonate); 9007-36-7 (Complement System Proteins)

Enzyme Number: EC 2.7.7.- (*Rec A* Recombinases)

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Molecular biology of S-layers.

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In this chapter we report on the molecular biology of crystalline
surface layers of different bacterial groups. The limited information
indicates that there are many variations on a common theme. Sequence
variety, antigenic diversity, gene expression, rearrangements, influence of
environmental factors and applied aspects are addressed. There is
considerable variety in the S-layer composition, which was elucidated by
sequence analysis of the corresponding genes. In *Corynebacterium glutamicum*
one major cell wall protein is responsible for the formation of a highly
ordered, hexagonal array. In contrast, two abundant ***surface*** proteins
from the S-layer of *Bacillus anthracis*. Each protein possesses three
S-layer homology motifs and one protein could be a virulence factor. The
antigenic diversity and ABC transporters are important features, which have
been studied in methanogenic archaea. The expression of the S-layer
components is controlled by three genes in the case of *Thermus*
thermophilus. One has repressor activity on the S-layer gene promoter, the
second codes for the S-layer protein. The rearrangement by reciprocal
recombination was investigated in ***Campylobacter*** fetus. 7-8 S-layer
proteins with a high degree of homology at the 5' and 3' ends were found.
Environmental changes influence the surface properties of *Bacillus*
stearothermophilus. Depending on oxygen supply, this species produces
different S-layer proteins. Finally, the molecular bases for some
applications are discussed. Recombinant S-layer fusion proteins have been
designed for biotechnology. (197 Refs.)

Descriptors: *Bacteria--chemistry--CH; *Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins
--physiology--PH; *Cell Membrane--chemistry--CH; ATP-Binding Cassette
Transporters--genetics--GE; ATP-Binding Cassette Transporters--immunology
--IM; Amino Acid Sequence; Antigenic Variation--genetics--GE; Antigens,
Bacterial--genetics--GE; Antigens, Bacterial--immunology--IM; *Bacillus*
--chemistry--CH; *Bacillus*--genetics--GE; *Bacillus*--immunology--IM;
Bacillus--ultrastructure--UL; Bacteria--immunology--IM; Bacteria
--pathogenicity--PY; Bacteria--ultrastructure--UL; Bacterial Outer
Membrane Proteins--genetics--GE; Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins
--immunology--IM; Base Sequence; Cell Membrane--physiology--PH; Cell
Membrane--ultrastructure--UL; Cell Wall--chemistry--CH; Cell Wall
--physiology--PH; Cell Wall--ultrastructure--UL; *Corynebacterium*--genetics
--GE; *Corynebacterium*--ultrastructure--UL; Gene Expression Regulation,
Bacterial; Genes, Bacterial; *Lactobacillus*--chemistry--CH; *Lactobacillus*
--genetics--GE; *Lactobacillus*--ultrastructure--UL; Molecular Sequence Data
; *Thermus thermophilus*--chemistry--CH; *Thermus thermophilus*--genetics--GE;
Thermus thermophilus--ultrastructure--UL
Molecular Sequence Databank Number: GENBANK/U38842; GENBANK/X91199;
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Nested DNA inversion as a paradigm of programmed gene rearrangement.

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Programmed gene rearrangements are employed by a variety of
microorganisms, including viruses, prokaryotes, and simple eukaryotes, to
control gene expression. In most instances in which organisms mediate host
evasion by large families of homologous gene cassettes, the mechanism of
variation is not thought to involve DNA inversion. Here we report that
Campylobacter fetus, a pathogenic Gram-negative bacterium, reassorts
a single promoter, controlling surface-layer protein expression, and
one or more complete ORFs strictly by DNA inversion. Rearrangements were
independent of the distance between sites of inversion. These
rearrangements permit variation in protein expression from the large
surface -layer protein gene family and suggest an expanding paradigm
of programmed DNA rearrangements among microorganisms.

Descriptors: *Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins--genetics--GE; *Bacterial
Proteins; *Campylobacter fetus--genetics--GE; *Gene Rearrangement
--genetics--GE; *Inversion, Chromosome; *Membrane Glycoproteins; DNA,
Bacterial--genetics--GE; Gene Expression Regulation, Bacterial--genetics
--GE; Open Reading Frames--genetics--GE; Phenotype; Promoter Regions
(Genetics)--genetics--GE; Recombination, Genetic

CAS Registry Number: 0 (Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins); 0 (Bacterial
Proteins); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (Membrane Glycoproteins); 0 (surface
array protein, bacteria)

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Generation of Campylobacter fetus S-layer protein diversity
utilizes a single promoter on an invertible DNA segment.

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Wild-type strains of Campylobacter fetus contain a monomolecular
array of surface layer proteins (SLPs) and vary the antigenicity of
the predominant SLP expressed. Reciprocal recombination events among the
eight genomic SLP gene cassettes, which encode 97- to 149 kDa SLPs, permit
this variation. To explore whether SLP expression utilizes a single

promoter, we created mutant bacterial strains using insertional mutagenesis by rescue of a marker from plasmids. Experimental analysis of the mutants created clearly indicates that SLP expression solely utilizes the single sapA promoter, and that for variation C. fetus uses a mechanism of DNA rearrangement involving inversion of a 6.2 kb segment of DNA containing this promoter. This DNA inversion positions the sapA promoter immediately upstream of one of two oppositely oriented SLP gene cassettes, leading to its expression. Additionally, a second mechanism of DNA rearrangement occurs to replace at least one of the two SLP gene cassettes bracketing the invertible element. As previously reported promoter inversions in prokaryotes, yeasts and viruses involve alternate expression of at most two structural genes, the ability of C. fetus to use this phenomenon to express one of multiple cassettes is novel.

Descriptors: *Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins--genetics--GE; *Bacterial Proteins; *Campylobacter fetus--genetics--GE; *DNA, Bacterial --genetics--GE; *Membrane Glycoproteins; *Promoter Regions (Genetics); Base Sequence; Genes, Bacterial; Molecular Sequence Data; Mutagenesis, Insertional; Phenotype; Variation (Genetics)

CAS Registry Number: 0 (Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins); 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (Membrane Glycoproteins); 0 (surface array protein, bacteria)

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Segmental conservation of sapA sequences in type B Campylobacter fetus cells.

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Campylobacter fetus cells may exist as either of two defined serogroups (type A or B) based on their lipopolysaccharide (LPS) composition. Wild-type strains contain ***surface*** array proteins (S-layer proteins) that have partial antigenic cross-reactivity but bind exclusively to LPS from homologous (type A or B) cells. Type A cells possess 8 homologs of sapA, which encodes a 97-kDa S-layer protein; the gene products of these homologs have a conserved N terminus of 184 amino acids. To further explore the structural relationships between the C. fetus S-layer proteins and their encoding genes, we sought to clone and express an S-layer protein from type B strain 84-91. The cloned type B gene (sapB) was similar in structure to the previously cloned type A gene (sapA) and encoded a full-length 936-amino acid (97-kDa) S-layer protein. Sequence analysis of sapB indicated that the conserved N-terminal encoding region in sapA was absent but that the remainder of the ORF (encoding 751 amino acids) was identical to that of sapA in spite of the nonconserved nature of this region among sapA homologs. Noncoding sequences both 300 base pairs 5' and 1000 base pairs 3' to the sapB and sapA ORFs, including the sapA promoter and transcriptional terminator sequences, were essentially identical. Southern analyses revealed that the sapB N-terminal encoding

region was conserved in multiple copies in type B strains but was absent in type A strains. Recombinant sapA and sapB products bound to a substantially greater degree to cells of the homologous LPS type compared with the heterologous LPS type, indicating that the conserved sapA- and sapB-encoded N termini are critical for LPS binding specificity. The parallel genetic organization and identity at the nucleotide level in both coding and noncoding regions for sap homologs in types A and B cells indicates the necessity of both homolog conservation and high fidelity DNA replication in the biology of sap diversity.

Descriptors: *Bacterial Proteins--genetics--GE; *Campylobacter fetus--genetics--GE; *Genes, Bacterial; *Membrane Glycoproteins; Amino Acid Sequence; Antigens, Bacterial--biosynthesis--BI; Antigens, Bacterial--genetics--GE; Bacterial Proteins--biosynthesis--BI; Base Sequence; Blotting, Southern; Campylobacter fetus--classification--CL; Conserved Sequence; Cross Reactions; DNA, Bacterial--analysis--AN; Lipopolysaccharides--analysis--AN; Molecular Sequence Data; Mutation; Plasmids; Restriction Mapping; Sequence Homology, Amino Acid; Sequence Homology, Nucleic Acid

Molecular Sequence Databank Number: GENBANK/U25133

CAS Registry Number: 0 (Antigens, Bacterial); 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (Lipopolysaccharides); 0 (Membrane Glycoproteins); 0 (surface array protein, bacteria)

Gene Symbol: sapA; sapB

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Protein shift and antigenic variation in the S-layer of ***Campylobacter*** fetus subsp. venerealis during bovine infection accompanied by genomic rearrangement of sapA homologs.

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Campylobacter fetus subsp. venerealis isolated from a case of human vaginosis was inoculated into the uterus of a C. fetus-negative heifer. Isolates obtained weekly from the vaginal mucus exhibited variations in high-molecular-mass-protein profiles from that of the original inoculum, which had a dominant 110-kDa S-layer protein. Immunoblots of the weekly isolates with monoclonal antibody probes against the 110-kDa S-layer protein and other C. fetus S-layer proteins demonstrated antigenic shifts. Genomic digests of the isolates probed with a 75-mer oligonucleotide of the conserved sapA region also indicated that antigenic variation of the S-layer is accompanied by DNA rearrangement.

Tags: Female

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Campylobacter Infections--microbiology--MI; Campylobacter
Infections--veterinary--VE; Campylobacter fetus --isolation and
purification--IP; Cattle; Cattle Diseases--microbiology--MI; DNA, Bacterial
--genetics--GE; Gene Rearrangement; Genes, Bacterial; Humans; Microscopy,
Immunoelectron; Vaginosis, Bacterial--microbiology--MI; Vaginosis,
Bacterial--veterinary--VE
CAS Registry Number: 0 (Antibodies, Monoclonal); 0 (Antigens, Bacterial)
; 0 (Bacterial Proteins); 0 (DNA, Bacterial); 0 (Membrane
Glycoproteins); 0 (surface array protein, bacteria)
Gene Symbol: sapA
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A lipopolysaccharide-binding domain of the Campylobacter fetus
S-layer protein resides within the conserved N terminus of a family of
silent and divergent homologs.

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Campylobacter fetus cells can produce multiple S-layer proteins
ranging from 97 to 149 kDa, with a single form predominating in cultured
cells. We have cloned, sequenced, and expressed in Escherichia coli a sapA
homolog, sapA2, which encodes a full-length 1,109-amino-acid (112-kDa)
S-layer protein. Comparison with the two previously cloned sapA homologs
has demonstrated two regions of identity, approximately 70 bp before the
open reading frame (ORF) and proceeding 550 bp into the ORF and immediately
downstream of the ORF. The entire genome contains eight copies of each of
these conserved regions. Southern analyses has demonstrated that sapA2
existed as a complete copy within the genome in all strains examined,
although Northern (RNA) analysis has demonstrated that sapA2 was not
expressed in the C. fetus strain from which it was cloned. Further Southern
analyses revealed increasing sapA diversity as probes increasingly 3'
within the ORF were used. Pulsed-field gel electrophoresis and then
Southern blotting with the conserved N-terminal region of the sapA homologs
as a probe showed that these genes were tightly clustered on the
chromosome. Deletion mutagenesis revealed that the S-layer protein bound
serospecifically to the C. fetus lipopolysaccharide via its conserved
N-terminal region. These data indicated that the S-layer proteins shared
functional activity in the conserved N terminus but diverged in a
semiconservative manner for the remainder of the molecule. Variation in
S-layer protein expression may involve rearrangement of complete gene
copies from a single large locus containing multiple sapA homologs.

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Glycoproteins; Amino Acid Sequence; Bacterial Proteins--chemistry--CH;
Bacterial Proteins--metabolism--ME; Base Sequence; Binding Sites;
Blotting, Southern; Cloning, Molecular; Electrophoresis, Gel, Pulsed-Field;
Molecular Sequence Data